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## Two charged with La Porte car burglaries

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Ryan Walding

La Porte police arrested two 17-year-olds early Thursday who they say tried to burglarize a car. Evan Grady Drake, of Deer Park, and Ryan Scott Walding, of La Porte, are both charged with burglary of a motor vehicle.

On Thursday at about 4 a.m., a resident in the 4900 block of Glenvalley drive called and reported he had just scared off two shirtless, white juveniles who were trying to break into his car.

"Once confronted, the pair ran down the street away from the complainant," says La Porte Police spokesperson Sgt. John Krueger. "At some point the suspects entered a nearby vehicle, and fortunately, with the light amount of traffic along Spencer Highway at 4 in the morning, one of our alert officers was able to spot a pair matching the description provided by the victim."

Krueger says the officer saw the pair commit a traffic violation and pulled them over. The officer reported seeing a hammer and other tools in the car's backseat. Krueger says he doesn't know if the two might be connected to other burglary cases in the area but adds that "in such crimes, there are often a string of related offenses which go undetected." He says both suspects have previously been charged with misdemeanors in Deer Park and La Porte.